

CLAIMS:

1. A shower enclosure comprising:
at least a door at a front side of the enclosure and,
5 a shower base having a floor which falls towards a side of the shower base, a waste outlet at said side of the shower base, and a drain channel which extends around or across the front side of the shower base at least beneath and exterior to the door of the enclosure, and which is arranged to drain towards the waste outlet.
- 10 2. A shower enclosure according to claim 1 including a non-sealed gap between a bottom edge of the door and the front side of the shower base through which water may flow beneath the door to the drain channel.
- 15 3. A shower enclosure according to either one of claims 1 and 2 which comprises return panel on one or both sides of the door and wherein the drain channel also extends along a foot of the return panel(s) exterior of the return panels.
- 20 4. A shower enclosure according to claim 3 including a non-sealed gap between one or both side edges of the door and a return panel on one or both sides of the door, through which water may pass.
5. A shower enclosure according to any one of claims 1 to 4 including a longitudinally extending cover member over the drain channel.
- 25 6. A shower enclosure according to any one of claims 1 to 5 wherein the waste outlet is provided at the front side of the shower base.
- 30 7. A shower enclosure according to any one of claims 1 to 6 wherein the floor of the shower base is substantially planar whereby the floor of the shower base may be tiled without requiring cutting of the tiles to accommodate changes in plane of the floor of the shower base.
8. A shower enclosure according to any one of claims 1 to 7 wherein the floor of the shower base falls from a high point at a rear side of the shower base to the front side of the shower base.

9. A shower enclosure according to any one of claims 1 to 8 wherein the waste outlet is recessed into the shower base so as to be at a lower level than the surface of the floor of the shower base and a cover member is provided over the waste outlet.

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10. A shower enclosure according to claim 9 wherein the cover member of the waste outlet has a substantially planar top surface whereby the top surface of the cover member may be tiled and wherein the top surface of the cover member is substantially contiguous with the floor of the shower base.

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11. A shower enclosure according to any one of claims 1 to 10 wherein the shower base at the front side is not higher than the floor of the shower base adjacent the door to the enclosure.

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12. A shower enclosure according to any one of claims 1 to 10 wherein the shower base includes an upstand around the periphery thereof except at the front side of the shower base adjacent the door of the enclosure.

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13. A pre-fabricated shower base for use in installing a shower in a room, which shower base has a floor which falls towards a side of the shower base and which comprises substantially a single plane whereby the floor of the shower base may be tiled without requiring cutting of flat tiles to accommodate changes in plane of the floor of the shower base, a waste outlet at said side of the shower base, and a drain channel which extends around or across the front side of the shower base and which is arranged to drain towards the waste outlet, and a formation or formations around a part of a front side of the shower base for mounting to the shower base a return panel or panels of a shower enclosure on one or both sides of a door of the shower enclosure.

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14. A shower base according to claim 13 wherein said formation or formations at the front side of the shower base for mounting a return panel or panels of a shower enclosure is/are between the periphery of the floor of the shower base and the drain channel.

15. A shower base according to either one of claims 13 and 14 including a longitudinally extending cover member over the drain channel.

16. A shower base according to any one of claims 13 to 15 wherein the waste outlet is provided at a front side of the shower base.

17. A shower base according to any one of claims 13 to 16 wherein the floor of the shower base falls from a high point at a rear side of the shower base to the front side of the shower base.

18. A shower base according to any one of claims 13 to 17 wherein the waste outlet is recessed into the shower base so as to be a lower level than the surface of the floor of the shower base and a cover member is provided over the waste outlet.

19. A shower base according to claim 18 wherein the cover member of the waste outlet has a substantially planar top surface whereby the top surface of the cover member may be tiled and wherein the top surface of the cover member is substantially contiguous with the floor of the shower base.

20. A shower base according to any one of claims 13 to 19 wherein the shower base at the front side is not higher than the floor of the shower base adjacent the door to the enclosure.

21. A shower base according to any one of claims 13 to 19 wherein the shower base includes an upstand around the periphery thereof except at the front side of the shower base adjacent the door of the enclosure.

22. A shower enclosure comprising:

a door and a return panel on one or both sides of the door and, a shower base having a floor which falls towards a side of the shower base, a waste outlet at said side of the shower base, and a drain channel which extends exterior to the door of the enclosure, and which is arranged to drain towards the waste outlet, with a non-sealed gap between a bottom edge of the door and the front side of the shower base through which water may flow beneath the door to the drain channel and wherein the drain channel also extends along a foot of the return panel(s) exterior of the return panels with a non-sealed gap between one or both side edges of the door and a said return panel on one or both sides of the door, through which water may pass.

23. A shower enclosure according to claim 22 including a longitudinally extending cover member over the drain channel.

5 24. A shower enclosure according to either one of claims 22 and 23 wherein the waste outlet is provided at the front side of the shower base.